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# COWPENS CORRAL

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## USS COWPENS Participates in Sinkex.

Recently USS COWPENS was able To participate in a rare event: The engagement and sinking of a hulk with Naval Gunfire. The ex-USS WILLIAM H. STANLEY was towed to the Australian op area and in preparation for batteries released.

Within seconds of the order COWPENS, FITZGERALD, and VANDERGRIFT all opened fire. The rapid and familiar pop, pop, pop of VANDERGRIFT's high speed 76mm was a muted distinction to the resounding report of the 5 inch main batteries from COWPENS. In order to adjust the fall of shot COWPENS fired five rounds in slow succession from both of her 5"/54 Light Weight Gun Mounts.

With the spots applied and a full loader drum the COWPENS unleashed 40 rounds in less than a minute. In the Combat Information Center video from airborne helicopters gave a bird's eye view of numerous rounds impacting the target. Within an hour the ex-USS WILLIAM H. STANLEY rolled over and slipped beneath the waves, going into the seas she once majestically sailed.

"There is no more fitting end for a warship than to be used as a tool to train the next generation of war

## Captain's Comments

by

Captain John J. Sorce

*Friends of COW, I am pleased to comment that we have just wrapped up an extremely impressive Summer Deployment. This newsletter attempts to touch on the big events, but I assure you there is a whole lot happening that we simply lack the space to cover. I hope your summer has been as fun and satisfying as have the adventures of the Thundering Herd.*

**COWPENS, KITTY HAWK, & HMAS CANBERRA during bilateral Operations**

Upon crossing the equator over 200 Sailors were initiated to join the Realm of the Deep, a mariner's tradition which has been observed for hundreds of years.

## Congratulations

### Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist

GSE3 Abano
SN Adams
IT2 Bennett
CTT3 Bovetz
OS2 Davis
GM2 Drollman
ENS Farrar
FC3 Gregoire
CTO1 Grogg
GSM3 Guzman
IC3 Harmon
OS2 Haye
GSM3 Miller
MA1 Naaktgeboren
OS2 Osborn
HM3 Picklesimer
AG1 Rawlins
FC3 Rio

### Surface Warfare Officer

ENS Swanson

### Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer

ENS Jackson

### Engineering Officer of the Watch

LT Houston
LTJG Hamilton
LTJG Meador
ENS Bailey
GSM1(SW) Felicitas
GSM2(SW) Mercado

### Officer of the Deck

ENS Cowart
ENS Bennett
ENS Navarro
Demers
ENS Jenkins
ENS Hayes
ENS Jensen
ETC (SW)

## New Births

Kyle Pearson Santa Valdez to GSM1 Valdez and Luisa Santa Cruz Valdez

Victoria Asiamari to OS3 Gumbs and Azusa Araki

Samantha Marrielle to FC3 Rio and

## Cowpens Festival

ENS Hayes represented USS COWPENS, at the Annual Cowpens Festival, SC. She is pictured with a veteran from USS COWPENS, (CVL-25)

## Welcome to the Thundering Herd

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| EN2 Aldridge | OS2 Brough | ENS Garrow | HM3 Marshall | HM3 Santos | YN1 Williams |
| OSSR Allen | CS2 Cacayan | OSSN Gumm | PNSN Mcknight | GMC Snyder | ICFN Winter |
| CTTSN Barrera | FC1 Day | ENS Holland | FC3 Napier | GSM1 Stiern | CTTSN Woodcock |
| FC3 Bates | GSE1 Deguzman | FC2 Holm | OS1 Peters | ENS Tacconelli | EM2 Villanueva |

## Happy Trails to You

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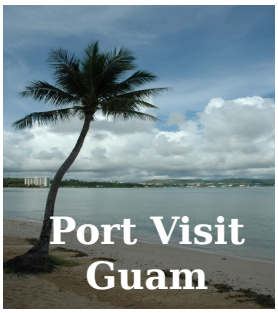
| SH2 Davis | OS2 Green | GSCS Hogan | HM3 Kizzee | HM3 Picklesimer | FC3 Sweet |
| GM2 Farrell | LT Halttunen | SHC Humphries | SKCS Madamba | IT2 Pham | EN2 Zacharias |
| DC3 Fields | | | | | |

Sydney

## Fair Winds and Following Seas

RADM Kelly has been a great friend and leader of the COWPENS. He was relieved by RADM McClain as Commander Strike Group Five.




### Welcome Midshipman

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| Midn Allen | Midn Laprise |
| Midn Brandwein | Midn Long |
| Midn Brigden | Midn McFeely |
| Midn Burns | Midn Mohamed |

## Tiger Cruise

Nine Family and Friends were able to take the a ride on COWPENS on our trek between Guam &

Teri Bycroft
Alan Gray
Rodney Jenkins
Amy Johnson
Zach Lute
Mike Parsons
Michael Poyer
Donald Yancey